

Appendices

A. Evolving Terminology

We now understand that three land-related terms we have been using for decades are no longer appropriate or respectful to use.

1. Crown land

In British Columbia most land is unceded. This means Indigenous Peoples never legally signed their lands away to the Crown.

Moving forward, the use of “Crown land” will be replaced with **“unceded territories (currently managed by the Province)”** since the Crown does not own the land outright, as the term “Crown land” suggests.

2. Stakeholders

Historically, this term referred to the allotment of land to settlers who used wooden stakes to claim their plot of land before any treaty or land negotiations with Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous Peoples are not stakeholders; they're Aboriginal rights holders whose rights are protected under the Constitution of Canada.

Moving forward, the term “stakeholder” is to be replaced with a combination of **“Government Partners,” “Other Partners”** and **“Local Interest Groups”** as detailed in the table below.

3. Master Plans

Historically, “master” was the term for slaveholder in the slave codes enacted in the United States in the mid-1600s. The Black Lives Matter movement has accelerated moving away from using “master” in its various forms.

Moving forward, the term “master” is to be replaced with “comprehensive” as exemplified in the table below.

Summary table

Former Terms	Preferred Terms	Details and Examples
Crown land	Unceded territories (as currently managed by the provincial government)	It is currently necessary to use “Crown land” in dealings with the Province and when referring to legal agreements that rely on a consistent interpretation of “Crown land”. This may be corrected in the future.
Stakeholders	Government Partners	Lil'wat Nation, Squamish Nation, the Squamish Lillooet Regional District, Province of BC, and Government of Canada
	Other Partners	Corporate and destination focused organizations (e.g. BC Hydro, Fortis, Whistler Blackcomb, Tourism Whistler, Whistler Sports Legacies etc.) Community and business organizations with broad mandates (Whistler Housing Authority, Whistler Chamber of Commerce, Whistler Community Services Society, Whistler Hotel Association, etc.)
	Local Interest Groups	Community organizations with a vested interest in our parks and trails. (e.g. WORCA, ACC-W, AWARE, Whistler Naturalists and more)
Master Plan	Comprehensive Plan	For example, a “Comprehensive Trails Plan” or “Comprehensive Park Plan” rather than a “Trails Master Plan”

These new preferred terms are used throughout this document and will be used in all projects moving forward.

The RMOW acknowledges there may be further changes in perspectives and other terms that are no longer appropriate to use. We look forward to listening, learning, and making the necessary changes.